

Claims 29, 141-186, 193 and 195-208 were provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 76-100 and 109-118 of copending application 09/528,110.

This provisional rejection can be properly withdrawn if it is the only outstanding rejection in the case. See Section 804 of the Manual of Patenting Examining Procedure.

Additionally, the cited claims of copending application 09/528,110 recite an inversion of the C3 stereocentre in the sugar unit, i.e. the compounds are *xyl**o*-configured LNA.

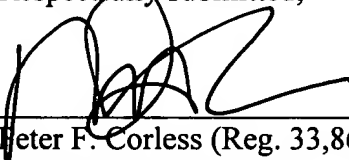
In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the provisional rejection are requested.

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for formalities-type issue. It is indicated in the Office Action that claim 29 is dependent from cancelled claim 1.

Claim 29 has been cancelled herein without prejudice. It is therefore believed that the rejection may be properly withdrawn.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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